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 - Examples: Correctness? Efficiency? Flexibility?

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 - Throughout development cycle? At end?
- Where do you perform testing?
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 - Examples: Individual components? Entire system?

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 - Refine: What are the objectives?
 - Examples: Validation? Verification?
- How do you perform testing?
 - Methodology? Automated? Toolkit?

Who performs testing?

- Developers
 - Allows immediate fixes
 - Lowest cost?
 - Too close to code?
- End Users
 - Realistic usage
 - Limited to functionality

- Third Party Groups
 - No bias
 - Can examine code
 - Can test functionality
 - Less familiar with code
 - Expensive

What attributes are you testing?

- Operation
 - Correctness
 - Reliability
 - Efficiency
 - Integrity
 - Usability
 - Security

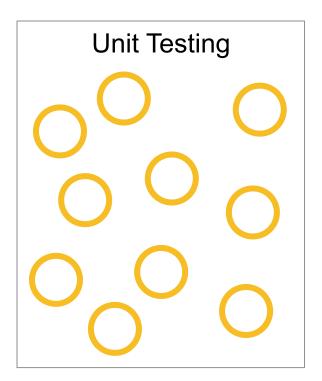
- Revision
 - Maintainability
 - Testability
 - Flexibility

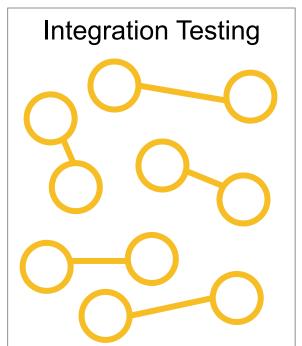
- Transition
 - Portability
 - Reusability
 - Interoperability

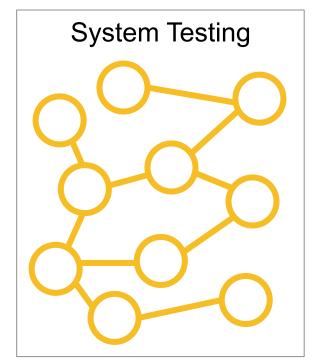
When do you perform testing?

- Before code development
 - Create tests before code, incrementally develop to pass tests
- Throughout the development cycle
 - Continuous, test after each phase
- End of development cycle
 - After all functionality developed, before reaching customer

What level are you testing?







Why are you testing?

- Verification
 - Have we built the system right?
- Validation
 - Have we built the right system?
- Attributes
 - Prioritize specific quality attributes

How do you perform testing?

- Who (i.e. developers, users, third party) is doing the testing?
- What quality attributes are you testing?
- When (in development cycle) are you testing?
- Where/what level (i.e. unit, integration, system) are you testing?
- Why are you testing (i.e. verification or validation)?
- Which testing approach will you take?

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